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Molly -

This follows up on the MNA tech memo that was prepared in support of the Ballard site FS and proposed plan. The final version of the tech memo is fine for purposes of the proposed plan, and I have included it in the draft administrative record. This document provided additional context for use of MNA as a possible polishing step, in conjunction with source controls (ET cover system) and treatment (PRBs and wetland treatment cells), to further reduce contaminant concentrations in groundwater. The MNA tech memo also summarized the available lines of evidence for MNA at Ballard, and outlined a work plan for collecting additional information to further evaluate effectiveness of MNA. We have a number of follow-up questions and comments on the MNA tech memo that I will forward separately. These comments raise issues that we will need to further discuss and resolve during subsequent phases of the project, including RD, RA, and longer-term implementation of an adaptive management strategy.

Please call if you have any questions regarding this matter. Dave

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